(3) had she not the additional qualification of having passed the Education Test;

(4) is there not an understanding—nay a standing order—that applicants possessing the test qualification should have preference?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*).—

(1) 16.

(2) Yes.

(3) Yes.

(4) It is laid down in the rules for the working of the Staff Selection Board that "the fact that a candidate has passed departmental tests will be also a factor for consideration in making the selection".

Mr. A. Eachara Menon (*Chittur Rural*).—Why was not this girl given any post till now even though she has passed the test.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*).—In fact so far as the Nayar community is concerned out of the 16 appointments it was possible to give only to one and that candidate was considered to have better claims than this applicant.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon (*Chittur Rural*)—Not because she comes from Chittur.

Staff Selection Board—number, service, etc., of thrown out hands.

139. Mr. A. Narayana Menon (*Vyttila*).—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the total number of thrown out hands coming under the class of officers to be recruited by the Staff Selection Board; how many of them have put in 5 years of service and above; how many have put in 4 years, 3 years, 2 years and 1 year; how many in the above classes come under the castes prepared for purposes of the Staff Selection Board;

(b) do the claims of thrown out hands according to the period of active service and seniority receive preferential treatment of the Staff Selection Board where new appointments are made?

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Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—

(a) 488. A statement containing the other information is appended. *(Appendix IV.)*

(b) Yes.

Appointments outside the purview of Staff Selection Board Rules.

140. **Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen** *(Kattur).*—Will the Government be pleased to state what rules they have enforced in pursuance of their assurance, 'Government accept the resolution' given during the discussion of Resolution No. 11, on 25th November 1936?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—Subject to the test of efficiency, Government have been following the principle underlying the resolution as far as possible. No specific rules have been framed nor are such rules deemed necessary.

Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen *(Kattur).*—May I know, Sir, whether even before the constitution of the Staff Selection board Government were not following this policy as far as possible with regard to appointments transferred to the Staff Selection Board?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—Yes.

Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen *(Kattur).*—If they were following such a policy may I know why this staff selection board was instituted at all?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—I think the Member is referring to appointments outside the purview of the Board.

Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen *(Kattur).*—That policy has not been adequately followed.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—I do not think that it necessarily follows. The Government thought that with reference to certain appointments of a particular grade for special reasons it would be better to apply the principle of communal representation. It is for that purpose the board was constituted.

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APPENIX IV.

(Question No. 139.)

Statement showing the number of thrown out hands under the class of officers to be recruited by the Staff Selection Board.

No.	Community	Officiating service						Total
		5 years	4 years	3 years	2 years	1 year	Below 1 year	
1	Ezhava	...	...	...	2	8	41	51
2	Romo Syrian	...	...	...	...	2	37	39
3	Nayar	...	...	1	5	22	171	199
4	Muslim	...	...	...	...	1	6	7
5	Other Hindu	1		...	1	7	44	53
6	Tamil Brahmin	...	...	2	1	6	25	34
7	Other Hindu backward or Depressed	...	...	...	1	5	36	42
8	Latin Catholic	...	...	...	...	2	16	18
9	Other Christian	...	...	...	3	6	30	39
10	Jew, Anglo-Indian etc.	...	...	...	1	1	3	5
11	Pulaya	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
	Total ...	1	...	3	14	60	410	488

APPENDIX V.

(Question No. 142.)

Copies of Visitors' remarks.

"10th November 1937.

We concur with the Chief Medical Officer's views opposite. We also suggest that a hospital so well equipped and conceived should be provided with a Paying Ward and kitchen for those who can afford it, and that at least some fans should be provided especially an exhaust fan in the operating theatre, fans for the comfort of the staff and a fan with a wandering head for use in the wards where specially desirable.

As there is a damp exudation from a naked concrete floor, the wards should be covered with an impervious layer of a suitable material, or thin teak boarding over bitumen and sand.

(Sd.) R. C. BRISTOW."

"30th November 1937.

Mrs. G. A. Bristow visited the hospital on this date and wishes me to record her suggestions They are (1) The staff should have a room for themselves for meals and sitting.

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